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National FOIA Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Freedom of Information ("FOIA") Request

Dear FOIA Officer,

This letter requests information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") FOIA regulations under 40 C.F.R. Part 2. I request any records dated during 2020 or 2021 and held by EPA pertaining to any coal combustion residual ("CCR") facilities located in the State of Alabama, as further defined and explained below.

The records sought include but are not limited to the following:

1. Any 2020 or 2021 records pertaining to any CCR facility located at Alabama Power Company's James M. Barry Electric Generating Plant located at Bucks, Alabama; Gadsden Steam Plant, at Gadsden, Alabama; E.C. Gaston Electric Generating Plant, at Wilsonville, Alabama; William C. Gorgas Electric Generating Plant, at Parrish, Alabama; Greene County Electric Generating Plant, at Forkland, Alabama; and James H. Miller, Jr. Electric Generating Plant, at Quinton, Alabama. These power plants also may be referenced as Plant Barry, Plant Gadsden, Plant Gaston, Plant Gorgas, Plant Greene County, and Plant Miller.
2. Any 2020 or 2021 correspondence and communications, including any written records documenting a meeting, telephone or video conference, or other contact with third parties, concerning any CCR facility located at the same power plants referenced above.

For the purposes of this request, "records" includes all books, papers, maps, photographs, machine readable materials, electronic materials, or other documentary materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, including all communications, letters, memoranda, notations, copies, e-mails, attachments to e-mails, diagrams, presentations, studies, charts, minutes, tables, spreadsheets, formulas, directives, observations, impressions, contracts, messages, mail, drafts, and tapes in the possession of EPA or its legal department. A "CCR facility" includes any facility for the management or disposal of any CCR, including a surface impoundment, pond, or landfill for coal ash or gypsum.

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I am willing to pay the applicable fees for this request up to \$250 without further authorization. Should expected fees exceed this amount, please contact me for approval to proceed. I will accept responsive documents in hard copy or electronic format and on a rolling basis as they become available for release.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Please feel free to contact me if I may provide any clarification or other information to process this request or to discuss any prioritizing of the agency's review for or production of records.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven A. Burns

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